

V. The New Claims

New claims 69 to 96 have been added to the present application. Written support for each of these claims can be found in Figures 1, 2, 4, and 6.

The newly added claims are patentably distinguishable over Russell, Cotterill, Anstey or McConnell either alone or in combination thereof. Specifically, independent claims 88, 90, and 93 require both a mounting track and a swivel mechanism for sliding and rotating the articulating arm mechanism relative to the desk. These features are not disclosed (in combination) in Russell, Cotterill, or McConnell.

Independent claims 69 and 93 require that the first and second arms are substantially not parallel to each other.⁴ This feature is not found in Russell, Cotterill or Anstey.

Independent claims 78, 88, 90, 93, and 96 recite as a claim element that at least one pivot connecting either the first or second arm to the shelf bracket is positioned above the shelving surface. Positioning one or more pivots above the shelving surface maximizes the amount of leg room beneath the auxiliary shelf. See specification, p.19. This feature is not disclosed in either Russell, McConnell, Cotterill or Anstey. Specifically, Russell, along with the other cited references, teach two pivot points under the shelf. For instance, in Russell FIG. 17, link elements **15** and **16** are attached to second member (shelf bracket) **14** at or below the surface of second member **14** that supports platform **11**. In contrast, claims 81, 96 and 106 require that at least one of the “links” connects to the “shelf bracket” at a point higher than the surface upon which the “platform” rests.

⁴ As noted above, this limitation does not appear in all of the claims.